

DIVE LOG



The Bimonthly Newsletter of the United Divers of New Hampshire



Club members learn hard hat diving at Don Steven's, enjoy boating out to a dive site in Vermont, and good eats at the annual Jay Lewis picnic. Photos above and below by Stephen Cantelli. Photos to right by Steven Santinelli.



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From the Editor

Greetings, fellow divers!

The annual Jay Lewis picnic was a rousing success. Kayaking, diving, and socializing around the tables, were all enjoyed on a hot, summer day. Thanks to Jean for the wide variety of grill-ables, and to everyone who brought the fabulous desserts, snacks, desserts, sodas, and much more.

Club members have also enjoyed trips up and down the coast, and to the tropics recently.

This issue of the Dive Log contains full results from Steve's club questionnaire ... hopefully this feedback will lead to some lively discussion on the club and how we can make it a happier place for all.

Happy Diving,
Karen Marion



Photo of Jay Lewis bench by Steven Santinelli. Photo of our group by a kind-hearted anonymous picnic-goer.



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

07/29/02

Hello United Divers,

These are your responses to the following questions, which I asked in April, 2002. The answers were edited for any libel issues or duplications. The roman numerals next to the answers indicate how many times that answer was given. Have Fun!

1. Besides diving, what should the main focus of the club be?

A. New Diver Introduction – IIIII

- This is a good idea.
- Get people comfortable in the water.

B. Boater Awareness III

C. Experienced Diver Awareness – III

- And “mentoring” new divers.
- Equipment and dive related (marine life, physiology, dive sites, etc.) presentations.

· More speakers on marine life & environment of New England.

· Dive Shop owners might be interested in presenting the various equipment they sell.

· Safety, diving tips?

D. Other –

· Diving Safety, (Everything from gas consumption to buoyancy control and navigation) and what you see underwater, i.e. becoming aware of what is around you both with local diving and travel diving.

· Environmental issues affecting diving.

· Diving safety at all levels of diving.

· Continuing education.

· Developments in equipment and training.

· Diving is the main focus.

· Expand membership.

· I do not think Dive shops around here are very profitable. Just a guess. We should consider finding a way to make them more profitable. Not from a P&L perspective, but from the development of SCUBA activities, to make people more aware of the sport, and increase the role of the SCUBA shop in the community again, increasing the awareness of the sport. This could be tied into letter “A” New Diver Introduction. The more

aware people are as to how fun and safe SCUBA is, the more people in our club, the more dive shops open, stay open, and are profitable. It would also allow us to join forces and push for government recognition. (i.e. passing a law enabling for the distribution of Lobster Licenses.)

· Diving and Diving awareness helping new divers stay in the water.

2. How would you rate the club in group activities?

A. Excellent (Plenty of Group Activities) - II

B. Good (Some Group Activities) – IIIII

· Much of the diving involves members of the club yet does not seem to be a “club activity”.

C. Fair (Could be more Group Activities) – III

· It would be nice to see more activities. Knowing we all cannot attend all of them.

D. Poor (Not Satisfied) I

3. For New Hampshire Diving, Where would you like to see more group diving? Please be specific.

· Isles of Shoals on large and comfortable boats, with heads, and inexpensive. (\$50 is too much for a two-tank dive).

· Isles of Shoals. Is there anything else besides Isles of Shoals & Winnepesaukee?

· Anywhere there is water. I think we should try to educate divers by showing them what NH has to offer.

· Boat dive to Empire Knight.

· Maine coast other then Nubble.

· There is no good diving in NH for a group face it! Our coastline doesn't offer much and neither do the lakes unless you have a boat.

· I am looking for new spots.

· Folly Cove

· Perhaps explore new places, Club members taking a group to their favorite dive spot.

· Cape Ann

· Can't think of any good N.H. salt water diving. Could do more fresh water diving.

· Isles of Shoals – III

· Wrecks at Winnepesaukee – II

· Anywhere other than the more frequented sites, i.e.: Nubble, Great Island Common.

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4. For Southern Diving, Where would you like to see more group diving? Please be specific.

- Cape Ann –There are so many sites.
- NC, Florida, Cayman.
- Folly Cove (with better parking).
- Plan group dives that are not practical for individuals.
- Southern diving?
- NC Wrecks.
- Keys. IIII
- Drive & Dive.
- Fly to Florida or drive to NC.
- Galapagos.
- Bonaire
- Cozumel II
- Anywhere

5. Would you be interested in a regular Saturday morning group shore dive at different locations along the Seacoast? If not, please explain.

- Yes - IIII
- No, all the other clubs meet on Saturday. How about Sunday? Or a weeknight dive?
- Yes, even though some locations are real work to get to.
- Nope prefer diving from boat.
- Sure!
- I might be interested. Schedule is always an issue.
- I'm looking for people to dive with. Develop a monthly calendar of Saturday dives at which locations and adjust for high tide if possible.
- Absolutely!

6. Do you have any ideas on how to recruit new members? Please explain.

- Yes. When a club member dives, s/he should have available "business" cards and/or brochures to hand out to other divers.
- Can't help you there. Wait, what about offering more dives that help perfect skills (like the navigation dive?)
- Newspaper ad.
- New divers are the ones who really need the club to get active.
- Some sort of placard we can put on our cars when we go to diving locations, ex: UDNH – Ask about becoming a member.

· Mall Kiosk. Not a permanent rental, just a promotional gig once a year. Need to tie it together with some mall event.

- Yellow pages ad.
- Promote dive stores at meetings. Let them come in and talk about their shop and specialty.
- Currently working on video to give to dive shops.
- If we can open good lines of communication. Local dive shops would be a great place to reach brand new divers as well as "old salts".

7. How many people do you know that are divers but are not members of the club? If not, Why?

- Just a few. They are people I see at dive shops who apparently are not interested or not close to Manchester.
- The ones I do know are Mass residents, therefore members of NEADC. I'm working on some of my co-workers.
- Most are members of other clubs already. Are not "club" types.
- 1000's – Geography.
- No exact number but several. They are not members because they do not live in New Hampshire. They are interested in a type of diving the club does not usually do.
- Maybe 10 – many past members who lost interest.
- Local divers, 4-5. I have mentioned the club to them. A couple of them are warm water divers only.
- Three, I have told them about it.
- Two.

8. What dive shop do you frequent? Why?

- Atlantic Aquasport because Don Stevens is very knowledgeable and a nice guy.
- Don't just frequent one. Depends who is the most convenient location at the time, what gear they service, etc. Haven't found THE ONE yet! (dive shop, that is).
- Atlantic Aquasport, Rye NH. Are there any others? I trust Don with my life!! Can't say that about other shops.
- Divers Den – convenience.
- Atlantic Aquasport. High quality equipment. Good service. Friendly staff. I consider them friends, not just LDS.
- Divers Den, location know the people, took my classes there.
- Don Stevens, prices, knowledge of equipment, willingness to help and promote diving.
- Divers Den. I know them well and they have always treated me

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well.

- Divers Den – location, prices, service. I only “frequent” shops for air. After 10+ years you accumulate all you need so location is important.
- Divers Den – They’re good to us.
- Aquatic Escapes – They are efficient and friendly when we need to buy Scubapro products.
- There are those I don’t go to due to price and bad service even though they are closer.
- Divers Den – location of air supply.
- New England Dive Center, Lebanon, NH – Personal friend – Huge discount.
- Donnie Stevens – great information.
- Aqua Ventures – to finish my Divemasters.
- Keene, Inform me on their up coming dives, Find me buddies to dive with.
- Northeast Scuba in Chelmsford, Ma.

9. What restaurant would you prefer for decompression? Why?

- Some place easy to get to because I don’t know the Manchester area very well.
- Don’t know the area well enough to know what’s around.
- Any that will put up with us.
- Cactus Jack’s is good.
- Chili’s
- Applebees
- I don’t care, as long it is not too pricey I sometimes get tired of the same type of menu.
- No place where there are city meters.
- Anyplace but Downtown.

10. Any other comments?

- I would like to see more of our (UDNH) presence in dive shops – brochures, a visit to classes, etc.
- I would like to see a current list of New England dive shops on our website, including phone numbers, hours, links, and directions.
- I would like to see a few members get involved with schools. When certain classes are covering the ocean, then someone from the club could discuss a few things about the ocean and what we as divers get from it.
- Need CPR, First Aid & O2 provider training updated.
- A very nice club full of friendly people. The single biggest reason I joined is because of the membership; everyone is kind

and pleasant to be around. No rough language, no dangerous horseplay, etc.

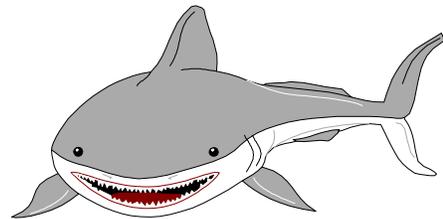
- Too much emphasis on getting women into the pool! Or anyone for that matter. I pay \$45 a year for membership that allows me the use of the pool. If I choose not to use it that’s my business. If no one uses it during the allotted time it is still ours, we pay for it so let’s stop the whining.
- Because this is a social type club, other activities such as movies, skiing, bowling are always fun to see members in other areas of enjoyment and sometimes just do things that don’t get wet.
- Feel as though I am not treated as a member.
- My other club keeps everybody informed by e-mail.
- Going to other dive club events as a group is also fun.
- More night dives during summer.
- If you look back at some older editions of the Dive log, they contain some excellent informative articles. It seems like the purpose of the dive log has changed over the years. Where did these articles come from? How can we get back to educating divers about the marine animals that we observe during our dives? It seems that the articles that are submitted revolve around dive vacations. I’d like to see a balance between local and distant marine life. If I had “easy access” to info about local fish I wouldn’t mind writing about this.

I once again thank you all for your input in completing this questionnaire. This is your club. These answers will help the present and future boards to make this club more fun, educational and exciting.

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Steve Cantelli

Next Issue: My summer diving experiences as your President.



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Cool Encounters
By Brandy A. Derickson

The coolest encounters are, of course, those Kodak moments when you don't have your camera. On a couple of my most recent dives, I didn't have my camera on purpose. During the month of July, most of my dives were for REEF's Great Annual Fish Count. I decided since I would be carrying a large slate for keeping count of the fish species I saw, as well as the dive flag, the camera could stay on shore.

About halfway through the dive, I had seen only one fish (a rock gunnel). I was thinking there had to be more than that! I couldn't send in a survey with only one fish counted! Just then, a large school of pollock came into view. It was very surreal to be among this silvery school of fish, with the rays of sunlight penetrating the green background.

Out of the corner of my eye, I spotted a black bass. It was about two feet long and just hanging out in the sand. I settled in the sand in front of it for a closer look. It decided to settle in front of me, about five inches away, for a closer look. We checked each other out for at least ten minutes; I was almost able to touch it!

It was time to head back for shore. That was one of the coolest experiences I've had diving! I thought of all the great shots I'd missed by leaving the camera behind. Turns out, the black bass was very sociable that day; three different buddy teams had similar encounters! We think it was fascinated by our stream of bubbles.

My next cool encounter without the camera occurred that same week, at Nubble. This time, I had planned to take the camera, but the strobe wasn't behaving. So I left it behind. Kerry Hurd and I were buddied up, along with two guys from NEADC. The viz wasn't that great and the two guys hadn't dove Nubble before. I was trying to keep my eye on them, when again out the corner of my eye I saw a long, grey tail. During my surface interval, a pair of teenage divers had asked if there were sharks here. I told them I'd never seen any. No way is there a shark here, after I just said no!

I looked again; the tail was connected to a large, grey disc. A torpedo ray? I had heard them described before; this must be it! Kerry was off videotaping something; no way was it as cool as a torpedo ray! I swam over to him and pounded on his leg to get his attention. At first, he thought I was just looking at a big grey boulder, but then he saw it. It was his first torpedo ray, too! We were able to follow it for a good ten minutes before we decided to turn back. Although I didn't have my camera, Kerry was able to get some great video shots.

I'm hoping the strobe just needs new batteries. Although I enjoyed the cool encounters, I would like at least some of them to happen when I have the camera!



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Sandtiger Shark photo shot by Brandy Derickson in North Carolina.

Kerry exits the water after a dive at Great Island Common, during the annual dive club picnic. Photo by Steven Santinelli.



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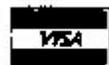
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Meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month, January through November. We encourage potential members to attend a meeting or two to experience our club before joining. The meetings are held at the YMCA on 30 Mechanic St. (off of Elm Street) in Manchester. The meetings start at 7:00 PM. Each meeting consists of a short business portion followed by a variety of presentations and discussions. Immediately following the club has an hour of pool time for swimming, trying out gear, and the occasional game of pool volleyball or underwater hockey. Members and guests often meet afterwards at a local restaurant for food and drink.

Extreme Weather

Meetings will be held if the YMCA is open. You can call them at (603) 623-3558. Check close to the meeting time as the front desk often has no advance warning of early closures.

Membership

Annual dues for membership for 2002 in the United Divers of New Hampshire are \$30/individual or \$45/family. Dues are not prorated for members who join later in the year. To join, please contact Don Eva at (603) 672-5608

Get in the Swim

After every meeting, the YMCA pool is open to our dive club for an hour of fun and fitness.

Don't wait for the ice to thaw before trying out that new equipment, the pool is the perfect place. Check out the club calendar for special presentations in the pool like dive knife use or trying out a dry suit. So bring a suit and a towel to every meeting and get into the swim.

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Meeting Schedule: (winter hours) 7:00-8:30 pm - meeting & presentation, 8:30-9:30 - pool time, 9:30-9:45 - hot tub!

Meetings and Events

September 2 - YMCA is closed - NO MEETING

September 12 - 17 - Les Escoumins, Quebec trip.

Dive, kayak and/or whale watch on the north shore of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Waterfront chalet - other lodging options available. Great, low-cost trip. Contact Don Eva for info - dpeva@aol.com

September 16 - Meeting

September 21 - Coastal Cleanup at Gosport Harbor, Isle of Shoals. Contact Steve Cantelli for info.

October 7 - Meeting - Andy Martinez is expected to present

October 21 - Meeting - Lea Nichols will present

November 4 - Meeting

November 16 - BANQUET at Intervale Country Club from 6:00 - 11:00. Dave Millhouser will speak about wrecks of New England and Cape Ann.

November 18 - Meeting

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	Saturday		Sunday	
September				
7	12:10 PM	8	12:57 PM	
14	6:14 AM	15	7:23 AM	
21	12:22 PM	22	12:54 PM	
28	4:30 PM	29	5:22 PM	
October				
5	10:55 AM	6	11:43 AM	
12	5:03 PM	13	6:09 PM	
19	11:48 AM	20	12:19 AM	
26	3:11 PM	27	2:59 PM	

Weather

Current marine weather for New England can be accessed on the world wide web at NWS.FSU.EDU/BUOY/

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... and lots of photos